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SUBJ: CIVAIR - FUEL DISCOUNT PROBLEM

REF A. STATE 115028 B. BOGOTA 4619

1. AS NOTED REFTEL B, WE INFORMED BOTH FORN OFFICE AND AVIANCA THAT EXTENSION OF FUEL ALLOCATION FOR AVIANCA WOULD BE APPROVED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE FUEL PRICE DISCRIMINATION PROBLEM.

2. GOC REACTION WAS RECEIVED ON MAY 26 WHEN, AT LUNCH WITH AMB DR. ROBERTO SOTO, SUB-SECY OF FORN AFFAIRS, PROPOSED INFORMALLY THAT SOLUTION MIGHT BE REACHED BY CHARGING ALL CARRIERS, COLOMBIAN AND FORN, SAME PRICE FOR FUEL CONSUMED ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. THIS WOULD RESULT IN AVIANCA AND OTHER COLOMBIAN CARRIERS PAYING SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FOR FUEL CONSUMED ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS; HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO REDUCTION IN PRICE FOR FORN FLAG CARRIERS. GOC WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SOME OFFSETTING SUBSIDY FOR COLOMBIAN CARRIERS, PROBABLY AS REGARDS THEIR DOMESTIC OPS AND IN A MANNER MORE PALATABLE TO FORN GOVTS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S REACTION TO GOC PROPOSAL. IT APPEARS TO US THAT EQUALIZATION OF FUEL PRICES FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WOULD EFFECTIVELY RESOLVE THE DISCRIMINATION ISSUE.

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WHILE WE MAY NOT AGREE FULLY WITH THE GOC SUBSIDIZING THE

DOMESTIC OPS OF COLOMBIAN AIRLINES, THIS WOULD HARDLY BE A MATTER
FALLING UNDER THE BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. VAKY

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